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Dear Air Board:

Compromise is the key to resolving the important issues revolving around the existence of the Mirant Power plant in our community. I have come to the conclusion that the "stack merge" project proposed by the power plant is the solution to resolving this mess and ceasing the expensive battle that has been raging for many years. I hope the Virginia Air Board will move quickly to grant the permit for the plant to make the air quality improvements that the people living in and around the plant have been waiting for.

I live outside the city in the Mount Vernon area but realize that these improvements can impact the quality of the air here. I realize that no one wants a power plant anywhere near where they live, but also no one wants to be without power either. I live in an all electric home so when the power goes out we are really inconvenienced. We certainly do not want to see this plant closed down and then start experiencing blackouts like people on the West Coast do. A better solution is to keep the plant open and work to ensure its operations do not effect our environment. The stack merge is a big step in the right direction.

I have lived in this area since 1972 and having recently retired, I continue to witness the rapid economic and residential growth here. It makes no sense to waste more taxpayer money trying to close down the Mirant plant. The Department of Energy has mandated the plant is needed and all of us who live here can see this is true. I trust that the Air Board will move quickly to approve the stack merge so that the plan can be put in place before the summer months. Thank you for reviewing my request.

Sincerely yours,


Doris Gainer